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From the Prez

Gayle Olson K6GO



What wonderful months for contesting. Hope we all made many great contacts and scores.

See you at our holiday party. As I am writing this, it looks like we will have a good sized fun crowd. The food, game and gift stealing will make for a fun festive event. **Dennis, N6KI** is working very hard to balance our menu so that we have a scrumptious meal. **John, K6AM** is planning a wonderful game of *What's My Call*, and the gift stealing should be funny as well as and fun. The entire event will be festive and fabulous. See you there.

We received a heartfelt thank you from the Northern California DX Foundation via their president, Bruce Butler, W6OSP. They said that they received the contribution of \$1,000 from the San Diego DX Club to NCDXF and that it was greatly appreciated. They added that this has been a big year of funding for them with the VP8O expedition receiving a substantial grant, along with a number of other expeditions. They asked me to please pass along to you their sincere thanks for helping NCDXF stay viable, and that with contributions such as ours, they can be of assistance to the DX community.

Additionally, we received a request from Paul Ewing, N6PSE, on behalf of the Intrepid-DX Group, They began by thanking us for supporting their April 2010 DXpedition to IRAQ. Now they are seeking support for their May, 2011 DXpedition to Afghanistan. Our own **Bob Grimmick, N6OX**, is a member of the team once again! This request will be on our January agenda. Way to go, Bob!

As of this writing, we have no member or members who wish to assume the position as our representative to SANDARC. The Board recommends that we do not fill the positions for now, and that we can revisit this issue anytime. This too will be on the January agenda.

Have a very happy Thanksgiving and see you at our SDDXC Holiday Party at the home of the kind and generous **Kalkofen's**.

73,

Gayle

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since it's founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

Treasurers Report

Leon Helms, N6VS



Treasurers Report

Bank Balance as of October 1, 2010 **\$5,131.84**

Income:

Member dues	255.00
Shirt and hat sales	280.00
Donation to club (N6NC)	20.00

Ending balance October 31, 2010 **5,426.84**

Legal fund: 20.25

Shirt and hat sales: 367.53

(Both of these balances are included in the bank balance, but a separate accounting is maintained.)

Club membership is 83 of which 56 need to renew for 2011.

Our \$1,000.00 check has been mailed to NCDXF.

San Diego DX Club Meeting Minutes

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 27 2010 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero Drive at Murphy Canyon Road.

Our vice president Dick, K6GAK called the meeting to order at 6:15.

The evenings visitors were recognized and welcomed. The attendance total was 30.

The program for the evening was an educational and entertaining presentation by Chip Margelli on the science and use of microphones..

The Treasurer reminded everyone that it is dues collection season again.

Bill, WB6JAR applied for associate membership and was accepted.

The roundtable included reports on chasing the PJ's, propagation and DXpeditions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23

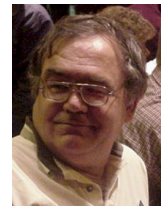
Respectfully submitted,

Leon, N6VS secretary/treasurer

The SDDXC Top 10

(Expanded)

John, K6AM



CURRENT COUNTRIES CONFIRMED ON CW

11/10	11/09	CALL	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	W6YA	339	375	378	+2
2.	2.	K6AM	337	343	343	-
3.	3.	N6CW	333	358	359	-
4.	5.	K6TQ	333	339	339	-
5.	6.	N7CW	333	333	334	-
6.	7.	K9RHY	332	341	341	-
7.	9.	N6ND	331	339	345	+2
8.	8.	K6ZH	331	338	338	+1
9.	12.	NN6K	328	328	333	+7
10.	10.	W6YOO	328	331	331	+2
11.	11.	N6AW	323	334	335	-
12.	13.	K6XT	320	329	329	+4
13.	15.	K0XB	318	324	328	+4
14.	14.	W6TUR	315	315	318	-
15.	16.	W6BS	298	310	310	-
16.	19.	W6YI	295	305	308	+45
17.	17.	WN6K	285	292	318	+4
18.	18.	N6VS	269	269	271	+6
19.	20.	N7TY	244	244	253	-

We've expanded the CW top 10 to include the top 20 players. Jim, W6YI has been getting a ton of QSL's and zooms up 3 places. Jim, W6YA appears to be among first to receive one of his new PJ QSLs (He didn't get it from me.) Others probably did too as we see some nice movement across the board. The top spots could get seriously jumbled if we don't all get our PJ cards quickly and report the new scores. Since I was at PJ4 and PJ2 for the opening 3 weeks, I still need PJ4,5,6 and 7.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser-recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 10/40M and 80/20M. Please send me your totals for each band and mode throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.



The Evolution of DX Bulletins

By Bob Farkaly, K9RHY

With the Packetcluster system going full tilt 7 x 24, and with CW skimmer “robots” combing the bands and never getting tired or having to take a bathroom break, real-time DX information is no more than an IP connection away. If you’re like me, you subscribe to several on-line DX bulletins that are delivered by email, some monthly (like the “425 DX Magazine” from Italy), some weekly (like the “ARRL DX Bulletin”, “425 DX News” and the “Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin”) or even daily (like W3UR’s “Daily DX”).

We also enjoy DX-oriented web sites that are too numerous to mention. One of my favorites is found at <http://DX-world.net>.

But it was not always so.

I’ve written about my memories of “one ringers” and team DXing using DX spotting nets, but those aren’t bulletins. A DX bulletin is like an old friend you can sit down with near the fire (or under a palm tree on the sand here in SoCal) and become absorbed in. You get to form a mental picture of what DXing is like on the other side of the pileup and the other side of the world. You get to read interesting stories about interesting DX characters. Remember Gus Browning, Don Miller, Dick McKercher, Romeo Stepananko, Martti Laine, Danny Weil, Lloyd and Iris Colvin and others? It was because of what they did that we subscribed to the bulletins.

But I wanted to step back further and see from where the modern DX bulletin sprung. The earliest form of DX “bulletin” (I use the term lightly) was the “Calls Heard” column in QST. Certainly in the 1920’s, getting an issue of QST in the mail was considered “real time”.

Post WW2, and stretching for many years, we enjoyed “How’s DX?” by the prolific Rod Newkirk who chronicled all things DX for three decades.

I was a bit young for Don Chesser’s “DX Magazine”, a 24-page weekly pub filled with stories, pictures and DX sightings, but I still enjoy thumbing through old issues. Several issues sport \$0.07 Airmail stamps. (How we’ve progressed. Seven cent airmail stamps. My computer keyboard doesn’t even have a “cent sign” key!)

I subscribed to “The DX Bulletin” for years. Jim Cain, K1TN, wrote and published *The DX Bulletin* weekly from July 1979 until February 1986 when it was taken over by Chod Harris, VP2ML who continued publication until 1996. *The DX Bulletin* was devoted to news of interest to DXers worldwide, with about 2,000 subscribers around the world. Most of the bulletins were produced using an electric typewriter before Cain “computerized” issue 260 which was the first issue published using a computer, a Radio Shack TRS-80.

But you simply can’t write a story about DX bulletins that doesn’t include the “West Coast DX Bulletin”. Written and published from 1968 to 1979 by Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD who, together with his XYL Virginia never missed an issue in 11 years of publication. “Cass” as he was known had 3,200 subscribers world wide because he wrote great stuff! Who can forget the “Local QRPers”, the “Mysteries of the Ages”, the “Inevitable Truths”, and the “Eternal Enigmas of DXing”? And who of us will ever forget that “DX IS”? You can seek for a long, long time for the true meaning of “DX IS”, and when you join the enlightened, remember Cass.

73, Bob, K9RHY

From your SDDXC Bulletin Editor

The SDDXC Bulletin has undergone a date change. This next edition of the SDDXC Bulletin is marked as the “November/December 2010” edition. The issue released at the end of December will be the “January 2011” edition. From then on, your SDDXC Bulletin will be fresh and new at the beginning of each month.



Late November and December Contests				
Contest	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
CQ WW DX—CW	27-Nov	0000Z	28-Nov	2400Z
ARRL 160 Meter Contest	3-Dec	2200Z	5-Dec	1600Z
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	18-Dec	1500Z	19-Dec	1500Z



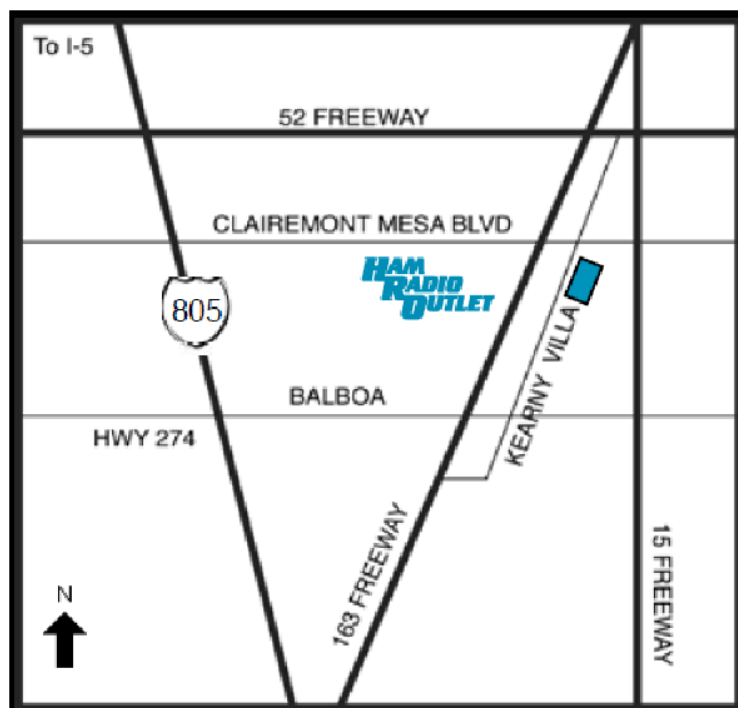
Holiday Party Information

The San Diego DX Club Holiday Party will be held on Sunday December 5TH at 2:00 PM with pot luck dinner at 4:00 PM. The location will be at Dick, K6KAL & Rusty, AF6WF's QTH at 2801 Rancho Rio Chico, Carlsbad.

The special program will be "WHAT'S MY CALL" the ham version of "What's My Line" hosted by John Barcroft, K6AM.

Holiday Gift Exchange: Please bring a gift of \$20 or less, and be ready to steal the night away. Rules will be explained at the event.

The deadline for signing up was November 15th. See you there.



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